

age, and he has so conducted his affairs that he has been successful in business, and in addition has won the lasting regard of all who know him. He is accounted one of the most sterling and worthy citizens of the county.

#### JESSE H. HICKMAN.

This esteemed farmer had been living retired from active pursuits for a number of years in Hunnewell, after having passed the heat and burden of an active life of arduous labor in cultivating the soil, rendering good service to his country in the Civil war and in other lines of effort. He was a son of David and Sinah (Davis) Hickman, whose life story will be found recorded at some length in a sketch of his brother, Joseph H. Hickman, also a resident of Hunnewell, which appears on another page of this work.

Mr. Hickman was born in Jackson township, Shelby county, Missouri: on March 11, 1838. His father died when the son was but six years old, and the care of the family then devolved on the mother. She was a resolute woman of the frontier, inured to its hardships and privations and familiar with its dangers from attacks of savage beasts and wild Indians, by whom the plains and forests of the unpeopled West were still claimed as their rightful domain, and the early settlers were considered as legitimate prey to satisfy the hunger of the one or glut the fury of the other. She knew the difficulties and the magnitude of the duty before her, but she entered upon it with real heroism and performed it with ability and fidelity.

The son grew to maturity on the pa-

rental homestead, remaining at home and assisting in the labors on the farm until 1863. He then felt it his duty to offer his life in behalf of the integrity of the Union and become a part of the army fighting in its defense. In April of the year last mentioned he enlisted for the remainder of the war in the Federal army, Company G, One Hundred and Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, in which he continued to serve until he was honorably discharged in 1865. His service was rendered in Arkansas, at Duvall's Bluff, Grand Prairie and Cross Roads, under the command of Col. William D. Wood. After the war Mr. Hickman returned to the farm and remained on it with the rest of the family until 1867. On December 6 of that year he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Hubbard, a resident at the time of Marion county, in this state, but a native of Ohio.

Mr. Hickman then took a farm of his own and for many years thereafter passed the greater part of his time on it, pushing with all his enterprise his dual occupation of farming and raising live stock. He was successful in his undertakings and became one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Jackson township, Shelby county, in which his operations were conducted. As time passed and he began to feel the weight of years upon him he determined to give up active work and enjoy for the remainder of his days a rest which he felt that he had richly deserved. He accordingly sold his farm and all that belonged to it and took up his residence in Hunnewell, where his death occurred April 15, 1910.

He and his wife became the parents of

six children, three of whom are living: George H., of Edna, Missouri, and a twin son and daughter—Edward, who now lives in Manila, Philippine Islands, and Effie, the wife of H. M. Gould, of Hunnewell. In politics Mr. Hickman was a loyal and determined Republican, and as he did not hesitate to enforce his convictions on the field of carnage during the Civil war, so he never hid them in political affairs. He was always earnest and effective in the service of his party and his efforts in its behalf were highly appreciated by its leaders. He kept alive the memories of his military service by active and ardent membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. For many years he was a faithful and zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and took a leading part in its works of benevolence. He was also energetic in promoting the welfare of the community around him and was esteemed as one of its best and most useful and representative citizens.

#### JAMES A. SPALDING.

Although born of a martial strain whose family name has been written in enduring phrase on the military annals of our country, James A. Spalding, of Hunnewell, has passed his life in the pursuits of peaceful and productive industry, depending wholly on himself for his advancement and on his own merit to win the regard and good will of his fellow men, without counting on any family record or heroic traditions to help him in the effort. By steady adherence to his chosen lines of endeavor and by fidelity to every duty he has succeeded

admirably in both, and now stands among the people who have witnessed his long years of effort and his upright and useful life a veritable patriarch of more than four-score years, venerated and beloved by all who know him.

Mr. Spalding was born in Marion county, Kentucky, on October 17, 1828, and is a son of James A. and Sarah (Green) Spalding, natives of Maryland and early settlers in Kentucky, going to that then distant region while it was yet under the dominion of barbarism, with the wild denizens of the forest roaming freely over its wide domain and exacting tribute from the invading race that was to exterminate them and call the waste they had so long used fruitlessly from its sleep of ages and make it minister to the general welfare of mankind. The father was a son of John Aaron Spalding, who served in the Revolutionary war and rendered his name immortal by being one of the captors of Major Andre, the unfortunate tool of our historic traitor, Benedict Arnold. He came into being in 1788 and moved to Kentucky while yet a mere youth. There he engaged in farming and blacksmithing until his death on March 4, 1833, except for a short period during which he rendered his country valiant service as a soldier in the Black Hawk Indian war. He was married in 1820 to Miss Sarah Green, who, like himself, migrated from the cultivated society and comfortable civilization of her native state at an early age, and found a new home with all its trials and privations in the wilds of the West, locating in what is now Marion county, Kentucky, where the marriage occurred. They became the parents of eight chil-